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# News Release

## **1 OF 3 ALIEN SMUGGLING FUGITIVES TURNS HIMSELF IN** *ICE special agents arrest Fermin Rodulfo “El Mecate” Dominguez*

EL PASO, Texas — One of three remaining fugitives turned himself into authorities late Monday following yesterday’s U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announcement and media attention regarding the 12 arrests made Friday for their suspected role in two major alien smuggling organizations.

ICE special agents early this morning arrested Fermin Rodulfo Dominguez, aka “El Mecate.”

Dominguez, 37, turned himself in to Socorro, Texas, police about 11:30 p.m. Monday after extensive media publicity about the arrest of 12 other members of two alien smuggling networks. He told ICE special agents a relative convinced him to turn himself in after seeing his picture on the news.

Raul Lorenzo Lezama-Landeros, 35, of El Paso, and Maria Guadalupe Castro, aka “Maria Hernandez,” 46, of Dallas, remain at large.

Dominguez was the right-hand man of Sam Jarvis, 52, the leader of one of the criminal networks. He allegedly paid truck drivers who transported groups of up to 79 illegal aliens in their trailers from El Paso to the Dallas area.

“These criminal networks are believed to have moved about 200 people a month in extremely dangerous conditions,” said Kyle Hutchins, special agent-in-charge of the El Paso ICE office. “Our agents are aggressively continuing to pursue leads to capture the remaining two fugitives.”

ICE special agents, who dismantled the organizations last week, also arrested Mike Price, 53, and his wife, Fabiola del Carmen Moguel de Price, 39, the leaders of the other alien smuggling network. The Prices, Jarvis and the other defendants are scheduled to have their preliminary hearing at 9 a.m. Thursday in federal court.

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